The young artists of teacher Miriam de l'Isle impress and delight with their display

Sunday evening saw the opening of the original works by the students of the "Kinderatlier Studio CreaArte in the Chapel Gallery of the Instituto di Cultura. This surprisingly impressive exposition showed that there are some very talented young artists that are developing their skills under the tutelage of experience teacher and artist Miriam de l'Isle.

Stan Kuiperi, internationally renowned artist and an instructor of future art teachers at the I.P.A. was present to comment on the works of Miriam's students, which range in age from five to twelve years. "I like what Miriam does with the students. Art activities are so important to the development of children, particularly the cognitive development, aside from creative and technical abilities. Studying Art gives the children an opportunity to develop reflective or contemplative traits, and to learn to look inside themselves and express their feeling, it is an optimal outlet. I am going to bring my students to the exhibit to study the works, so they can learn how they as future teachers can learn to produce such quality output from their students."

After each child received a certificate of achievement, and three in particular, Kaylingh Wing, Tiffinie Oduber, and Benay Staten were awarded Silver Certificates for exceptional work, the exhibit was officially opened by two of the youngest artists Lukas and Nina.

The first painting to greet observers was a collective work titled "Circles of Life," to which all twenty-three students contributed. From there an explosion of color and creativity welcomed the many that came to view the works. The freedom of expression, and the natural charm of the youthful artists is quite captivating and proud parents came to applaud their youngsters on their accomplishments.

This expo is open to the public everyday through April 8 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the morning and from 4 PM to 7 PM in the afternoon; for more information about the exhibit and lessons call 963-4138.

While addressing the gathering before the exhibit, Miriam address her group with the message that they should value their children when they are so young, "as the time flies by so fast, your child is a gift from God, it is so special....so value this time with them while you have it." Supporting a child's creativity is an essential part of the development process, and the work of the students on exhibit this week is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when talent is nourished and encouraged.